
Grace Lutheran Church

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Divine Service: Sunday 10:30 AM

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Our Vision: Welcoming people to grow in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace.

For Our Guests

Dear friend, welcome to Grace! Make yourself at home. Grace Lutheran Church is a family made up of regular, imperfect people growing in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace, rejoicing together in God's restoration and forgiveness, and celebrating our new life in Christ Jesus. If you have any questions for us, please don't hesitate to speak with an usher or the pastor.

If you're in Niagara Falls on vacation right now, thanks for coming! We pray this worship service refreshes your spirit by showing you a wonder even more beautiful than the mighty Falls He made: the depth of His amazing love for you.

If you live in the area, we pray you find comfort, peace and joy through the worship service today. We would be delighted to worship with you again, and if you don't have a church home and you'd like to become part of the Grace family, please speak with an usher or the pastor.

RESTROOMS are located in the parent's room (back of the church) and next to the parking lot door.

** I have children, and they're not always quiet. Do you mind?*

We warmly welcome children to worship just like Jesus did, and we love the liveliness they bring to the service. If your little one's crying is making you uncomfortable, there's a cry room in back for your convenience. Don't worry about coming and going if that's what you need to do. We're parents and grandparents too. We've been there and we understand!

** The plate's coming. Do I have to give an offering?*

Members of Grace have the privilege and responsibility of stewarding the mission of our congregation through generous giving. God teaches that giving comes from a joyful heart, not under compulsion. If you are visiting today, you are not expected to participate in the offering; please direct your gift to your home congregation.

** What about Holy Communion?*

Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and in other special services. We believe what Jesus says about Holy Communion: that it is His body and blood, not symbolically but actually present, given to us for the forgiveness of sins. The Bible cautions that anyone who receives Communion without this understanding will be receiving it to their great harm.

For this reason, out of sincere love, we ask that those who commune at this altar are baptized Christians who, having been instructed in the faith, regret their sins and desire to receive Christ's real Body and Blood for forgiveness, trusting in God's Word as He revealed it in Scripture. If you are not a member of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with the pastor before you commune.


If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come forward for a pastoral blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail. There is non-alcoholic white wine on each tray for those who require it. Finally, those who have difficulty walking may indicate such to an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

In the timeless tradition of the Christian church, the Common Cup is offered to all. If you desire to commune using the common cup, raise your hand as the individual cups approach, then assist the Elder by holding the chalice at its base and guiding it as you receive.

Members and Guests: Please help us serve you by indicating your presence today, and any special needs, on the fellowship sheet in your bulletin & place in offering plate.

ORDER OF WORSHIP JUNE 14, 2026

– based on Divine Service 4: LSB 203 –

This symbol () means that part of the service is found in the Lutheran Service Book hymnal.

Welcome, Announcements

Hymn of Invocation: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess our sin. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.
- C** Before God and one another, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition, and so we pray: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, merciful Father, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. In Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children; therefore You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Kyrie and Gloria

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b



- C** Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle Reading

- L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel



- C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



- Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



- C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

- P** ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

H Hymn of the Day: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

LSB 827

Sermon

H The Apostles' Creed

Back Cover of Hymnal

Prayer of the Church

The Leader will close each section: **P** Lord, in Your mercy,

Then please respond:

C Hear our prayer.

H The Lord's Prayer

Back Cover of Hymnal

Offering

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **C** Amen.

 **Sending Hymn:** “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

LSB 646

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THOSE ASSISTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Ben Bahr

Organist: Maye Smith

Acolytes: Elias Markel & Abram Smith

Head Ushers: Gary Krull & Ross Folmsbee

Reader: Jim Wolf

Tech Crew: Mark Binkley & John Bahr

Altar Care: Alice Moll & Luann Pyska

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY – 06/14/26

9:00 am Christian Education

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Church Picnic

MONDAY – 06/15/26

6:30 pm Survivors' Group

NEXT SUNDAY – 06/21/26

9:00 am Christian Education

10:30 am Worship (HC)

11:30 am Voter's Meeting

Statistics for the week of

June 7, 2026

Worship Service: 75 Attended, 16 Views

Adult Education: 18

Youth Education: 14

Education Staff: 4

Offering: \$4,183.84

Mission of the Month: \$40.00

Sunday School: \$10.00

* Weekly budget needs \$4,206

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit new announcements

by **Wednesday 12pm**: office@gracenf.org.

June Office Hours 2nd Sun 8:30-12:30, M/W/Th 10-2

GIVING: Options at www.gracenf.org

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by John & Suzanne Loss in thankfulness to God and the flowers adorning our altar today share with us the in the memory of our daughter, Sara Suzanne Loss and her birthday on June 16th.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS are Jeremiah 20:7-13, Romans 6:12-23, and Matthew 10:5a, 21-33.

TODAY after worship we celebrate another successful year of Christian education with our annual picnic. Join us for hamburgs, hotdogs, drinks, salads, and desserts, and some great fellowship. All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our summer Coffee Hour will begin NEXT SUNDAY in the chapel after worship, and will continue through the summer. Please sign up on the glass case if you are willing to help by providing baked goods (homemade or purchased) or another treat.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: On July 26, we will celebrate our Grace members who have or will turn 80 or older during 2026. Plan to stay for coffee hour that day and enjoy a piece of birthday cake as we congratulate our "oldies but goodies", one of which will be turning 101 years young this summer!

NEXT SUNDAY is the last opportunity to donate to our spring mission project supporting SUMMIT LIFE CENTER in Niagara Falls. Tables are available in the narthex and chapel for donations of baby items such as clothes, blankets, diapers, wipes, and infant toiletries. Summit supports young women and men facing unplanned pregnancies with free services, including counseling, parenting classes, support groups, community assistance referrals, and needed baby items.

BABY BOTTLE BANKS to support Summit Life Center are due back NEXT SUNDAY. Checks should be made out to Summit Life Center. Please return them to Alice Moll or the church office.

JUNE MISSION ENVELOPES are designated to support Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) K9 Comfort Dog program. LCC's golden retrievers are trained to interact with people who are suffering and in need. These special dogs open doors and create opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, and presence of Jesus during times of natural or man-made disasters such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, and mass shootings. LCC never charges those they serve. This mission is supported by donations. Your donation will go directly to the training, care, and travel expenses of their K-9's. Check out the dogs' pictures at www.lutheranchurchcharities.org under "K-9 Ministries".



About the Cover

The Lord gave His disciples both the prayer and its answer. With the harvest ready and the laborers few, He used them to proclaim His forgiveness to the nations after Pentecost. The harvest continues to be ready today, with people ripe to hear the Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. So we also pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to share the Gospel with people ready to hear it.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Epistle: Romans 5:6-15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to

all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."